

Washington, DC -- Today, Congressman John W. Olver (D- 1st District) sent a letter, signed by

"The Soldiers' Home in Holyoke has long been a sanctuary for veterans in need of long-term care

The federal regulation, announced last month, would set new requirements for square footage

Therefore, Olver's letter specifically requests that older facilities, such as the Holyoke Soldiers'

Currently, the Soldiers' Home maintains 317 beds. If the Soldiers' Home is forced to comply with

Olver said that he expects the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make a decision by the end of the

"My fingers are crossed that the Secretary will heed our request," Olver concluded.

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